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1. In September 1948 Osman, Special Commissioner of the Ashan Administrative Region, sent a representative to Yoll Bars, Special Commissioner of the Hami (Kumul/93-27, 42-48) Administrative Region and delegate to the National Assembly, requesting Yoll Bars to assure Central Government authorities of Osman's sincere support of the government. Osman suggested that a supply of ammunition would be most acceptable, since it was his belief that most Kazakhs (? in his region) would welcome an opportunity to work against the Ining government.

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2. Osman probably has no more than 1,000 men in his cavalry unit.

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